

REMARKS:

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments in the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to for failing to include a reference numeral referred to in the description in the drawings and for including a lead line without a reference numeral. Figs. 2, 4 and 7 have been amended accordingly. Enclosed herewith are new formal drawings that include the amendments to Figs. 2, 4 and 7. Also enclosed herewith are copies of two sheets of the originally filed drawings showing the changes indicated in red. Applicant urges that the new formal drawings add no new matter.

The disclosure is objected because of certain informalities listed by the Examiner. The disclosure has now been amended accordingly as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-2 and 5-8 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, including incorporation of the suggestions of the Examiner. Claims 1 and 5, and claims 2 and 4 and 6-8 dependent therefrom, should now be in condition for allowance.

It is noted that claims 1 through 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the

base claim and any intervening claims. Based on the assertions and suggestions of the Examiner, it appears that claims 1-2 and 4-8 should be allowable as now amended without further rewriting or amendments. If the undersigned is incorrect in this observation, please promptly advise accordingly and any necessary rewriting or amending will be promptly provided.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if it is felt that the prosecution of this application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald R. Schoonover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" and last name "Schoonover" clearly legible.

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